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YORKVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH CAROLINA,
THURSDAY, July 22, 1869.

The Convention was called to order by the former President and, after singing the hymn

"I love Thy kingdom, Lord,"

And the reading of the XIX Psalm, prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. J. O. B. Dargan.

The Secretary being absent, Dr. S. W. Bookhart was requested to act as Secretary *pro tem.*

The names of delegates were enrolled.

On motion of Rev. Dr. E. T. Winkler, Rev. J. L. Reynolds, D. D., was, by acclamation, unanimously re-elected President, and Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, D. D., Vice-President of the Convention.

On motion of Dr. J. C. Furman, Dr. S. W. Bookhart was elected Secretary, and Prof. C. H. Judson, Treasurer.

The York Association applied for membership and, on motion, was received as a constituent, the delegates being received by the right hand of fellowship.

The Associations were represented as follows:

CHARLESTON—Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D., Rev. J. Nichols, Rev. T. W. Mellichamp.

EDGEFIELD—Rev. D. D. Brunson, Rev. L. Broaddus, Rev. W. A. Gains, R. B. Watson.

TIGER RIVER—Rev. James C. Furman, D. D., Rev. B. Manly, D. D., T. P. Smith, P. C. Dozier, J. B. Patrick, T. Steen, G. F. Townes, A. B. Woodruff, E. S. Allen.

WELCH NECK—Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, D. D., Rev. J. M. Timmons.

REEDY RIVER—Rev. J. K. Mendenhall, Rev. T. H. Pope, Col. J. R. Leavell.

Fairfield—Rev. J. L. Reynolds, D. D., Rev. S. C. Hinton, Rev. B. W. Whilden, Rev. B. F. Corley, Rev. A. K. Durham, T. M. Graham, Dr. J. Quattlebaum, Dr. R. H. Jordan, J. L. Albright, S. W. Bookhart.

Saluda—R. Pratt, S. M. Tribble.

Bethel—S. Head, J. B. Stokes.

Broad River—Rev. Wm. Curtis, LL. D., J. R. Logan.

York—Rev. T. R. Gaines, Z. D. Smith, A. A. Porter, W. E. Waters, J. M. Garrison.

Ministering brethren and messengers from corresponding bodies were invited to seats in the Convention and a participation in its deliberations.

The invitation was accepted by Brother J. H. Mills, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*.

In accordance with the usual order, the Constitution and By-Laws were read by Rev. B. W. Whilden, at the request of the President.

On motion of Rev. T. R. Gains, the Convention agreed to meet each day at half-past 9 A. M., adjourn at 12 M., re-assemble at 3 P. M. and adjourn at half-past 5.

The President announced the standing committees as follows:

On Accounts—T. M. Graham, T. Steen, A. B. Woodruff.

On Time and Place of Next Meeting and Persons to Perform Stated Services—Dr. J. C. Furman, I. Nichols, Dr. J. Quattlebaum, J. K. Mendenhall, E. S. Allen.

On Names and Post Offices of Ministers—B. W. Whilden, T. W. Mellichamp, D. D. Brunson, J. B. Patrick, Z. D. Smith.

On Nomination of Executive Board—E. T. Winkler, L. Broadus, T. H. Pope, L. C. Hinton, B. F. Corley.

On Religious Services—T. R. Gaines, R. B. Watson, and Deacons of Yorkville Church.

On Nomination of Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—J. O. B. Dargan, W. A. Gaines, A. A. Porter, J. R. Leavell, A. K. Durham.

On Obituary Notices, to Report at the Next Annual Meeting—T. W. Mellichamp, J. W. Timmons, Luther Broadus, J. B. Patrick, Z. D. Smith, B. F. Corley, J. K. Mendenhall.

On motion of Dr. E. T. Winkler, the Convention adjourned to give an opportunity for a session of the Board of Trustees of the Furman University.

Prayer by Dr. E. T. Winkler.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was introduced with prayer by Rev. L. Broaddus.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Pope, the report of the Executive Board was made the special order for Friday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion, Rev. J. K. Mendenhall was requested to preach the introductory sermon—the regular appointee being absent. 8 o'clock P. M. was designated as the hour for this service.

On motion of Dr. Winkler, it was

Resolved, That at the next session of the Convention, which will be its fiftieth anniversary, the subject of the introductory sermon be the "Semi-Centennial History of the Convention," and that Dr. Reynolds be appointed to perform the service.

The Committee on the Names and Post Offices of Baptist Ministers in the State, read their report.

A question, introduced by Brother Mills, of North Carolina, in regard to licentiates in the ministry, led to a wide and exceedingly animated and able discussion, in which many of the leading members of the Convention took part. At its close the following resolutions, offered by Dr. Manly, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention feel committed to pursue, with unabated zeal and energy, the work of ministerial education as a part of our duty commended to us by the principles of the Bible, and the example of our honored fathers, and as essential to due preparation for the Christian work of the future.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the churches, and especially of the ministers, to seek out and to encourage those who may be called of God to preach the gospel, and to aid them, as far as is needful, in preparing for greater usefulness.

Resolved, That the enlistment of the private members of the churches more and more largely in the exercises of social worship, and in personal efforts for the spread of the Gospel, is one of the most hopeful means of recruiting the ranks of the ministry, and increasing the efficiency of the churches.

The Convention adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. K. Durham.

EVENING SESSION.

The introductory sermon was preached to a large congregation by Rev. J. K. Mendenhall, from Prov. xi, 30: "He that winneth souls is wise." The exercises were closed with prayer by Dr. Jeter, of Virginia.

MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, July 23.

On assembling this morning it was announced that Rev. Dr. Richard Furman was prevented from attending by severe illness, and that Brethren Pickett and Beverly were detained at home by sickness in their families. By request, Dr. J. C. Furman offered an appropriate and affecting prayer in their behalf.

The minutes of Thursday were read and roll called.

A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Taylor, of the Foreign Mission Board, urging the renewed efforts of the Convention in behalf of this interest, which had received largely of the Divine blessing during the past year.

Rev. J. B. Jeter, D. D., representing the Foreign Mission Board, Thomas J. Stark, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, Rev. J. L. Carroll, the North Carolina Baptist Convention, Rev. A. D. Phillips, returned missionary from Africa, and Rev. R. H. Griffith, from Charlotte, N. C., were cordially invited to participate in the deliberations of the body.

At 10 o'clock, the report of the Executive Board was called for, under the special order, whereupon Dr. Dargan, on behalf of the Executive Board, made the following report:

In compliance with the resolution of the Convention, the undersigned, in behalf of the Executive Board, requests permission to state that, owing to various and untoward circumstances, the Board has sent up no report to the present session. Sad afflictions have also prevented the attendance of several members of the Board, particularly the officers who designed being present. The general agent residing at an inconvenient distance, the Board have had but a few informal meetings during

the year, their business with the general agent being mainly conducted by correspondence. The Convention is respectfully referred to the report of the general agent, herewith submitted, as containing a full statement of the work of the Board and the general agent during the year.

J. O. B. DARGAN,
In behalf of the Executive Board.

Rev. T. H. Pope made the following report as General Agent of the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina:

The operations of the Board during the past conventional year have been conducted on a plan essentially different from that of the previous year; and this has been occasioned by the direct instructions of the last Convention. At this meeting the resolution was passed "That the Executive Board be instructed to attempt, in some way, to induce every church in the State to adopt some uniform plan of systematic benevolence for the objects of this Convention, and to endeavor, if practicable, to employ at least one traveling missionary to present the plan that may be devised by the Board to the churches for their adoption."

After mature deliberation, the Board concluded that the best uniform plan for all the churches was that calling for the monthly contributions of all members of the churches of amounts previously subscribed for the great objects of the denomination. At the same time they agreed that where the spirit of this plan was found, it was useless to stickle about the particular form. Two of the brethren of the State having respectively declined the appointment of the Board, they at length induced the present General Agent to enter the field. He began his labors about the 1st of September, visiting several of the Associations, securing their endorsement of the plan of the Board, and receiving the pledges of brethren from every church represented to co-operate in the endeavor to induce the working of the plan. By correspondence with influential brethren, and the general distribution of forms to facilitate the work, it was sought, in every way possible, to advance his mission. But it soon became apparent that little could be accomplished in this way, except in connection with visits to the churches. In the midst of his efforts thus to reach as many churches as possible, for this purpose, came a pressing appeal from the Board of Trustees of Furman University, for the services of the general agent in securing bonds for the maintenance of that institution. The only hesitance felt by the Board in acceding to this request arose from a fear that the support of their agent might be thus hazarded; but so vital did the service seem that he waived the consideration and gave himself to the work during the months of December and January, as had been requested. This mission finished he resumed his main work, and has been thus busily engaged until the present time.

As a brief summing up of his eleven months of service, he would state that he traveled 3,300 miles by railroad, and more than 1,200 by private conveyance, visited sixty churches, preached more than sixty sermons, and delivered many addresses.

It is, from the nature of the case, quite difficult to present any proper estimate of the result of these labors. Inasmuch as the direct collection of funds was subordinated to the plan of securing them by the systematic plan of giving, a very meagre amount was thus obtained by the general agent. And while he is convinced that quite a large amount for the various objects of the denomination will be realized by

the systematic plan of contributing, instituted among the churches, yet, as the brethren, in most cases, prefer reporting these amounts to their respective associations, it will be only after these shall have met that the results can be fully known. It is a matter of regret—of extreme mortification—to the general agent that he is compelled to speak so indefinitely about the results of his main labors, especially as it is so desirable that the Convention should be in possession of the facts.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Convention, the general agent, in his visits to the churches, has striven to awaken the hearts of the brethren to an interest in all our enterprises. He has been rejoiced to find the churches so generally alive to the importance of the Sunday School work.

The interest in our University and Seminary is surely reviving; and the peculiar lethargy, as to the work of foreign missions, which seems to have possessed our churches since the war, is giving way. The work of home missions, however, has the strongest hold on the interest of our people. But, as a general rule, each Association seems to prefer to conduct this work by means of its own agencies. Unfortunately, the lack of funds on the part of the State Board, and the consequent suspension of all active missionary operations, except those of the general agent, is greatly increasing this tendency, and an insurmountable barrier is thus rising up in the way of our Board's future usefulness. It is certainly a matter of congratulation, however, that so much missionary work is being done by our Associations.

The Welsh Neck Association is assisting in sustaining several missionary pastors who are occupying important posts. The Savannah River Association has a faithful missionary, who spends all his time among its desolated churches. The Charleston Association is doing the same, and the blessing of God has crowned the labors of its self-sacrificing missionary. The old Bethel, small though she be, is spending several hundred dollars in strengthening its weak points. The Saluda and Broad River Associations are also fully engaged in this work. The Reedy River Association supported a missionary pastor last year, and is now gathering funds to renew the work.

The Tyger River Association has labored under the same difficulty that our Board has contended with—in depending on the systematic plan for raising its funds, and thus having to await the close of the year before receiving them. But we are persuaded that the faithful efforts of their Board will be as bread cast upon the waters. At its last meeting, the Edgefield Association turned over its missionary work to the State Board, and restricted its operations to the Sunday School work. In this field it has accomplished more, by far, than any other Association in the State. Its plan for supplying Sabbath School books is indeed a model one. From the assurances given the General Agent, in his visits among the churches of this Association, he is persuaded that a large amount will be sent up to their next associational meeting for State missions.

Our youngest constituent, the York Association, is addressing itself energetically to missionary work in its own bounds, as an auxiliary to our Board.

The General Agent has not been able to secure information concerning the benevolent operations of the other Associations of the State.

From this brief view it will be seen that our churches have not been idle. Yet, when we consider the vast field before us, and its peculiar destitution, how inadequate do these efforts seem. Especially are we impressed by this general view with the need of more united effort upon the part of the denomination. Is there not a fatal weakness here? The Board has felt this, and labored for the removal. They have entered into an agreement with the Domestic Board of the Southern Baptist

Convention, to unite efforts in their field, and the two Boards, linked hand in hand, are endeavoring to occupy the field. They employ the same General Agent and will unite in supporting missionaries in the field. In view of the desolation that abounds in our State, the Marion Board has determined to expend, for the present, all money contributed to it by our churches, in supplying the destitution in our own borders. If, then, full co-operation be rendered by our Associations, a grand unity will characterize our operations in the home field, and the coming year will attest the blessedness of the consummation.

Shall we go forward with the work of State Missions? It is asserted by a few that we are too poor as a people to do so. Never was there a greater mistake. If we fail to press forward this work, it will not be from the lack of ability, but of willingness. No one can gainsay this assertion, while it remains true that the Baptists of the State are expending more for the single indulgence of tobacco, than they are giving to the support of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God. One cent per week from the members of our churches, would raise nearly $20,000 annually. Let us, then, be up and doing.

Shall the office of General Agent be continued? It seems to be the general opinion that such services cannot be dispensed with. The day may come in which he will not be needed, but surely this is not such a time. Above all else, the need of such labors in our churches has been impressed on the General Agent. For a variety of reasons, however, he would decline a re-appointment to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. POPE, General Agent.

These reports were, on motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of Dr. B. Manly, Dr. J. O. B. Dargan, Dr. E. T. Winkler, T. P. Smith, R. H. Jordan and G. F. Townes.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Jeter, editor of the *Religious Herald*, Brother J. H. Mills, of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Rev. T. R. Gaines, of the *Working Christian*, were afforded the privilege of presenting the claims of their respective papers to the Assembly.

On motion of Dr. Winkler,

Resolved, That the exercises of Saturday evening be devoted to the interests of the Foreign Mission Board.

The Convention adjourned with prayer, by Elder W. A. Gaines.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On assembling, at 3 o'clock, the Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. J. M. Timmons.

On motion of Rev. A. K. Durham, it was

Resolved, That Rev. T. R. Gaines be requested to lay the condition and claims of the Yorkville Baptist Church before the Convention.

Brother Gaines having complied with the resolution, some remarks were made by Dr. Winkler, Rev. T. H. Pope, and others, when about $150 were raised in cash and pledges to aid them in the payment of the debt of $200 which they owe.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Revs. B. F. Corley and B. W. Whilden endeavor to secure statistics of the Baptist Churches and Associations and report at the next meeting of this body.

The Committee to appoint Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention reported as follows:

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention—Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D., Rev. J. C. Furman, D. D., Rev. J. P. Boyce, D. D., Rev. W. Williams, D. D., Rev. B. Manly, Jr., D. D., Rev. J. A. Broadus, D. D., Rev. J. L. Reynolds, D. D., Rev. R. Furman, D. D., Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, D. D., Rev. J. K. Mendenhall, Rev. W. D. Rice, Rev. T. H. Pope, Dr. I. D. Durham, Rev. J. M. Timmons, Rev. J. Culpeper, T. P. Smith, B. W. Edwards, C. H. Judson, S. W. Bookhart, Rev. T. P. Lide, Jr., Rev. L. H. Shuck, Rev. W. D. Thomas, Rev. A. K. Durham, Rev. L. C. Hinton, Rev. T. R. Gaines, R. H. Jordan, Rev. G. W. Pickett, G. F. Townes and Thomas Steene.

The Committee also recommend that the delegates who may be present be authorized to fill vacancies in the delegation.

On motion of Dr. Dargan, it was

Resolved, That the success attending the Sunday School cause calls for devout gratitude, and that all the membership of the Baptist Churches in this State be invited and encouraged to engage more actively and efficiently in this delightful and important work.

The Convention was adjourned after prayer by Rev. I. Nichols.

EVENING SESSION.

After opening with prayer, by Rev. A. D. Phillips, returned Missionary from Africa, the following resolutions were read by Dr. J. C. Furman:

Resolved, That in view of the success which, during the past term, has attended the effort to continue the operations of Furman University, it is the manifest duty of the churches to rally to its support.

Resolved, That each church in the State be requested to take a bond, or bonds, according to its ability.

Resolved, That where the amount of a bond may be beyond the ability of a Church to contribute, such Church be requested to contribute according to its ability.

Interesting addresses were delivered in behalf of Furman University by Drs. Furman, Jeter, Winkler and Reynolds, to a very large and deeply interested congregation, at the close of which a number of bonds for the University were obtained.

MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, July 24.

The Convention was opened with prayer by Rev. J. S. Carrol, of North Carolina.

After reading the minutes of yesterday, the following resolution, offered by Rev. A. K. Durham, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the importance of having a State denominational paper, this Convention earnestly recommend the *Working Christian* to the support of the Baptists of South Carolina.

Rev. W. A. Gaines offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we urge upon our constituent bodies the importance of sending a fair proportion of lay delegation to the Convention.

Dr. Manly, chairman of the committee to whom was referred the reports of the Executive Board, and that of the general agent, made the following report:

The Committee on the Report of the Executive Board beg leave to report that they see in the results of last year no cause for discouragement as to the work set before them, or the idea of organizing plans for systematic beneficence. The time for fruits is not yet. The results actually realized have only in part become apparent, and a vigorous prosecution of the enterprise will both secure and exhibit greatly enlarged success.

The principle of organizing our religious activity, of marshaling our forces so that, man by man, all are summoned to their post and each is called on to do something, is one too important for us to let go without renewed efforts to impress it upon the minds of our people till it shall become a part of their regular habits to work for Christ and to give for Christ. Three ideas are to be insisted on:

1. Frequent contributions, however small.
2. A contribution from every church.
3. A contribution from every member in the church.

Whether these are to be gathered weekly or monthly; whether distributed to the different objects by the donors at the time, or by general vote afterwards; whether sent up by churches directly as collected or reserved to be sent through the Associations, are matters which are not essential, but may be decided according to convenience or individual preferences. Care should be taken, however, that all funds should reach their ultimate destination and be put to work with as little delay and as little deduction as possible.

Your Committee cannot recommend a return to the old plan, abandoned several years ago, of having numerous boards. Let the present method have a fair experiment. Let the Board be located at some point in the upper country, as has been earnestly and constantly urged by the excellent brethren in Darlington, upon whom the work has been imposed so long against their own judgment. We recommend Newberry. Let the Board employ a suitable general missionary, whose duty shall be to travel and preach, endeavoring to promote all the various objects in which this Convention is interested, and especially to introduce the plan for systematic giving, already referred to. Let the Board devote its attention first to placing itself in communication with all the Baptist Churches of the State by obtaining their post office and statistics, so that they can be corresponded with by mail; second, to ascertaining the actual facts of destitution as to preaching which exists in particular sections of the State; third, to arranging some measures of relief, if possible, by direct contributions to this Convention for State missions, and appointing missionaries, or if not, by stimulating associational action; fourth, to promoting the multiplication and improvement of Sunday Schools; fifth, to the work of education, especially in connection with carrying out the plan for sustaining Furman University, and aiding brethren studying for the ministry at the Seminary.

All this is our home work. But the field is the world. Domestic missions in other parts of the South, and foreign missions for the benefit of the heathen, must not be neglected. Instead of murmuring that the calls are so many, let us thank God that the channels for doing good are so numerous, and be encouraged to summon all our energies and direct them more wisely and systematically to the manifold work of the one great cause to which we are pledged by our duty to the Redeemer.

We have waited long enough for outside help and for convenient circumstances, and for some unknown thing to turn up. Let us go to work resolved, under the blessing of God, to help ourselves. While we have been tarrying souls have been perishing, other influences have been gaining ground, the field is becoming pre-occupied, and we are losing time which may count most fearfully, or might tell most gloriously, in its influences for eternity.

Respectfully submitted,

B. MANLY, Jr., Chairman.

Dr. Furman, from the Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting of the Convention, reported Greenville as the place and Thursday before the last Sunday in July as the time.

The introductory sermon having been provided for by the Convention's direction, the Committee recommended that Rev. Dr. Richard Furman be appointed to preach the charity sermon, Rev. J. L. Shuck his alternate. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries made the following report:

The Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report that they are not apprised of any decease among our ministering brethren, excepting in the case of an aged brother, Rev. D. Blythe, of Greenville County.

Brother Blythe was a good man, laboring in a narrow field, but who carried with him to the grave the respect and affection of the plain mountain people for whose spiritual interests he had long cared and labored.

With this statement your Committee might feel that their duty was discharged, but they would fail to indulge their own feelings, and would disappoint a natural public expectation, did they not allude to the death, within the borders of our State, of a brother long and intimately known to the denomination of the State, long identified with the efforts made for the promotion of the cause of Christ amongst us, and long connected with this body as one of its officers. Our venerable and beloved brother, Rev. B. Manly, Sr., D. D., closed his long and useful life in December last, in the city of Greenville. This is not the place for a full view of a life of such marked power and peculiarity, of such wide and varied usefulness as that of the beloved and venerated man of God who thus, like a shock of corn in its season, has been gathered into the garner of God. Gifted with an unsurpassed power of infusing his own views and feelings into others, blending the exercise of the most discriminating judgment and of an unswerving will, with the most winning gentleness of spirit and of manner, and with a profound sensibility to the great motives of the Gospel, Dr. Manly was a man to be felt and recognized everywhere. Living, he was profoundly respected and admired and loved by the Baptists of South Carolina, and now his "name is as ointment poured forth."

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. FURMAN.

The following brethren were appointed members of the Executive Board, at Newberry:

President—Rev. R. Furman.

Vice-President—G. T. Scott.

Treasurer—Y. J. Pope.

Auditor—John P. Carwile.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. J. K. Mendenhall.

State Missionary—Rev. T. H. Pope.

Other Members—J. R. Leavell, T. S. Duncan, W. T. Wright, W. H. Webb, J. R. Spearman, Michael Meets, G. S. Cannon.

The Committee on Religious Services reported the following arrangement for preaching on the Sabbath:

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. B. Manly, D. D., half-past 10 A. M.; Rev. J. C. Furman, 4 P. M.; Rev. R. H. Griffith, 8 P. M.

Baptist Church.—Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D., half-past 10 A. M.; Rev. L. Broadus, 4 P. M.; Rev. J. B. Jeter, 8 P. M.

Methodist Church.—Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, D. D., half-past 10 A. M.; Rev. Wm. Curtis, LL. D., 4 P. M.; Rev. L. Carrol, 8 P. M.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Colored.—Rev. D. D. Brunson, half-past 10 A. M.; Rev. J. K. Mendenhall, 4 P. M.; Rev. A. D. Phillips, 8 P. M.

African Zion Church, Colored.—Rev. B. W. Whilden, half-past 10 A. M.; Rev. J. C. Russell, 4 P. M.; Rev. J. M. Timmons, 8 P. M.

Bersheeba, Presbyterian, Six Miles West of Yorkville.—Rev. T. W. Mellichamp, 11 A. M.; Rev. I. Nichols, 1 P. M.

Union Church, Baptist, Four Miles North of Yorkville.—Rev. W. A. Gaines, 11 A. M.; Rev. B. F. Corley, 1 P. M.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. D. Phillips.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was opened with prayer by Dr. Curtis, after which an opportunity was given to Rev. A. D. Phillips to present the claims of the African mission. After making some remarks as to stations, plan of operation, &c., he desired to know if the brethren would co-operate with him and present the cause before the churches. A very hearty interest in the mission was manifested by the Convention.

The following resolutions were then offered, by Dr. Curtis, and adopted, in reference to the spiritual interests of the colored population:

Resolved, That we, as a Convention, re-affirm our interest in the spiritual welfare of our colored brethren, as expressed at our meetings in 1866 and 1867, and recommend to the churches to extend to them all the aid in their power to promote this important end.

Resolved, That where there is the strength, the intelligence and the piety, we should encourage the separate organization into churches, associations and Sabbath Schools of our colored brethren, when such separate organization may be desired.

Resolved, That we urge upon our younger brethren and sisters to aid the colored people in the conduct of well organized Sabbath Schools and the providing of them with suitable books.

The Committee on the List and Post Offices of Baptist Ministers reported through their Chairman, Rev. B. W. Whilden. (See Appendix.)

On motion of Dr. James C. Furman,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the citizens of Yorkville for their kind hospitality.

Resolved, That our thanks are also tendered to the railroad companies that have granted facilities for attending this meeting.

On motion of Rev. J. K. Mendenhall,

Resolved, That the funds collected on Sunday be appropriated to State missions, under the Executive Board.

On motion,

Resolved, That the statistics of the Associations, so far as they can be obtained, be printed with the minutes—the same to be paid for by the Executive Board.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. B. W. Whilden.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was opened with prayer by Rev. B. W. Whilden, after which the claims of foreign missions were brought before the Convention and a large audience, by Rev. Dr. Jeter, of Rich-

mond, and Rev. A. D. Phillips, returned missionary from Africa. At the close of the meeting a collection in behalf of the Foreign Mission Board was made, amounting to about thirty-five dollars.

MORNING SESSION.

SUNDAY, July 25.

Addresses were made to the Sabbath School by Rev. J. K. Mendenhall and Dr. J. O. B. Dargan, commencing at 10 A. M. At 11 A. M. the charity sermon was preached by Dr. E. T. Winkler, from Acts x, 4, "Thy prayers and thy alms have come up as a memorial before God;" after which a collection was taken up amounting to sixty-one dollars and eighty-five cents.

After an able and eloquent sermon, on Sabbath evening, in the Baptist Church, by Dr. Jeter, the hymn,

"Blest be the tie that binds,"

was sung and the parting hand was extended to each other by the brethren, and deeply affecting words of comfort and brotherly love were spoken by Drs. Reynolds and Furman. The Convention was then adjourned, after prayer by Dr. Furman, to meet in Greenville on Thursday before the last Lord's day in July, 1870.

J. L. REYNOLDS, President.

S. W. BOOKHART, Secretary.

C. H. JUDSON, *Treasurer, in Account with the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina.*

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July 30.	To Balance for Domestic Missions	$61 88	August 17.	By paid M. T. Sumner, for Domestic Missions	$61 88
" 30.	Greenville Baptist Church, for Furman University	30 00	Septe'r 6.	Paid J. F. Lanneau for Furman University	30 00
" 30.	Sundry collections at Newberry	36 90	" 6.	Paid for the Printing of Minutes	36 90
	Total	$128 78		Total	$128 78

C. H. JUDSON, Treasurer.

GREENVILLE, S. C., July 20, 1869.

Statistics of the Associations, taken from their Minutes.

Names.	Founded.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Post Office.	Place and Time of Next Meeting.	Number of Churches.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Total.
Welsh Neck	1832,	John Culpepper	J. L. Coker F. W. Eason	Darlington	Darlington, Saturday before 2d Sunday in November	50	4,338	946	5,284
Saluda	1803,	W. E. Walters	B. F. Mauldin		Tommville, Friday before 2d Sunday in August	31	2,893	495	3,557
Edgefield	1807,	L. R. Gualtney	W. W. Adams		Bethany, Friday before 2d Sunday in September	47	3,703	2,963	6,666
Tyger River	1834,	James C. Furman	A. B. Woodruff	Spartanburg	Milford, Friday before 3d Sunday in August	34	3,421	523	4,742
Reedy River	1826,	J. K. Mendenhall	R. S. Griffin		Chestnut Ridge, September, 1867	24	2,653	1,055	3,708
York	1868,	A. L. Stough	Z. D. Smith		Harmony, Saturday before 4th Sunday in October	9	. . .	. . .	. . .
Fairfield	1864,	J. L. Reynolds	R. H. Jordan	Chester	Salem, Friday before 2d Sunday in October	30	1,241	1,789	3,030
Edisto	1835,	S. B. Sawyer	W. T. Brooker		Mt. Bulah, Saturday before 1st Sunday in October	30	2,002	484	2,484

No minutes from other associations. The above is necessarily imperfect, as some churches did not make statistical reports to their associations at the last meeting.

LIST OF BAPTIST MINISTERS

IN

SOUTH CAROLINA.

THOSE MARKED THUS [L] ARE LICENTIATES.

NAMES.		POST OFFICES.
Acker, A		Belton
Ackerman, S		Walterboro
Allen, J		Marion
Anderson, C A T		Mullins' Depot
Arial, J		Pickensville
Ashley, W		Craytonville
Atkinson, S		Timmonsville
Ayres, W		Marion
Ballard, W L		Cedar Falls
Barry, J		Frog Level
Bartley, H T		Lotts
Barton, H M		Fair Play
Bateman, J J		Society Hill
Beattie, W Q		Bennettsville
Beck, W		Darlington
Bell, G	[L]	Lotts
Beverly, W D		Anderson
Bishop, T C		Bonneau's
Boddie, D A		Graniteville
Bonner, D		Grassy Pond
Bostick, J M		Robertville
Bowers, A		Highland Grove
Boyce, J P, D D		Greenville
Boynton, M B		Buford's Bridge
Brandon, T C		Bonneau's
Broaddus, L		Edgefield
Broadus, J A, D D		Greenville
Brooker, W		Blackville
Brooks, R R		Friendship
Brown, W		Liberty
Bruce, E D		Townville
Brunson, D D		Edgefield
Buist, J F		Bamberg
Burge, J C		Ebeneezerville
Burn, T W		Society Hill
Burris, B		Pendleton
Burris, J		Anderson
Burris, J P		Pickens
Bussey, J W		Cold Spring
Campbell, T J		Pickens
Campbell, J J	[L]	Cedar Falls
Carpenter, S J		Piercetown
Carpenter, J M		Anderson
Carson, W B		Reidville
Carter, J G		Spartanburg
Cartledge, A M		Strauther's
Cave, B M		Barnwell
Chambers, P		Horse Shoe
Chaplin, W F		Orangeburg
Chapman, J		Pickens
Chastain, B E		Highland Grove
Chevin, C E		Robertville
Coleman, J W		Dyson's
Collins, E		West Union
Cooper, J		Simpson's Mill
Cooper, W		Williston
Corley, B F		Long Run
Crane, W		Whilden
Croxton, J L		Pleasant Hill
Culpepper, J		Timmonsville
Curtis, W, LL D		Limestone Springs
Cuthbert, L		Aiken
Cuttino, D W		Manning
Dargan, J H		Darlington
Dargan, J O B, D D		Darlington
Davenport, J B		Calhoun
Davis, P		Whilden
Davis, C J		Walterboro
Dawson, T		Anderson
Dill, A		Gowensville
Dill, T		Highland Grove
Drummond, S		Woodruff's
Drummond, W		Woodruff's
Dunton, H		Blackville
Durham, A K		Doko
Durham, I D		Orangeburg

NAMES.		POST OFFICES.
Dunn, B G W		Bennettsville
Earle, J		Evergreen
Earle, T J		Gowensville
Eason, F W		Darlington
Easterling, T W		Bonneau's
Edgerton, C		Marion
Edwards, R J		Orangeburg
Elkins, W B		Laurens
Elsey, J		Walterboro
Ezell, J S		Allgood
Ezell, L		Limestone Springs
Fail, N		Hickory Head
Farrow, W T		Greenwood
Fenley, L		West Union
Ferguson, B		St George
Furman, J C, D D		Greenville
Furman, R, D D		Newberry
Furman, S		Sumter
Gaines, N		Belton
Gaines, T R		Yorkville
Gaines, W A		Phenix
Garrett, B F		Monroe
Garrison, J M		Fort Mill
Getzen, S P		Hamburg
Getsinger, J J		Williston
Gibbes, J		Fair Forest
Gilbert, J		Sterling Grove
Gordon, W	[L]	Union
Graham, N		Sumter
Grimes, G C		Laurens
Gwin, J T		Cross Anchor
Gwin, T D		Greenville
Hart, T W		Darlington
Hartin, W H		Ridgeway
Haws, W		Pine House
Hays, B		Anderson
Hays, H		Walhalla
Head, S		Tunnel Hill
Hicks, E		Taylor
Hicks, G W		Tinker's Creek
Hiers,		Buford's Bridge
Higgins, J B		Columbia
Hill, A	[L]	Walterboro
Hilliard, D		Spartanburg
Hinton, J E		St George
Hinton, L C		Chester
Holder, B		Walhalla
Holland, E D	[L]	West Union
Hoover, J M		Buford's Bridge
Horne, E W		Ridge
Hudson, D		Pickens
Huffman, J C		Orangeburg
Hughson, W E		Sumter
Humphrey, R M	[L]	Friendship
Humphries, J C		Limestone Springs
Huxford, P, Jr		St Stephen's
Isbell, S		Fair Play
Jackson, H	[L]	32 Mile House
Jeter, F C		Santuc
Jeter, J T		Santuc
Jeter, R		Santuc
Johnson, W		Sparta
Jones, W B		Greenville
Jones, W T		Mt Craghan
Kendrick, G T		Pinckneyville

NAMES.		POST OFFICES.
Kennemar, J C		Pickens
Kenebrew, J H		Allendale
King, R		Belton
King, R M		Honea Path
King, W H		Storeville
Kirkland,		Buford's Bridge
Knight, S		Scuffletown
Lamar, A W	[L]	Greenville
Landrum, J G		Earleville
Lane, J	[L]	Marion
Lanneau, C H		Greenville
Laundress, J M		Belton
Lawton, J A		Allendale
Lawton, W A		Lawtonville
Leavell, J		Belton
Leavell, W H		Newberry
Lecroy, H		Fruit Hill
Lee, U G		Columbia
Lide, P, Jr	[L]	Darlington
Linder, J S		Walker's
Looper, T		Dacusville
Lynes, G	[L]	Mount Holly
Mackinvaile, J		Darlington
Mahon, J D		Winnsboro
Mahoney, H W		Sumter
Manly, B, D D		Greenville
Martin, J H	[L]	Saluda Mills
Martin, W J		Marion
Martin, W P		Belton
Matthews, J S		Hamburg
Mauldin, B F		Williamston
Mealing, J P		Edgefield
Mellichamp, T W		Kingville
Mendenhall, J K		Newberry
Miller, B F	[L]	Greenville
Morse, W L		Timmonsville
Morton, W M		Bachelor's Retreat
Motes, J		Mountville
Murray, J S		Anderson
Nance, J C		Wellsville
Napier, R		Mar's Bluff
Nichols, I		Sumter
Nicholson, P		Pineville, N C
Nix, J		Gillisonville
Norman, J L		Mush Creek
Norris, A P		Graniteville
O'Neale, L		Oak Land
Owens, J		Pickens
Owens, W C		Fort Mill
Page, B		Fingerville
Parrott, A M		Darlington
Parrott, B F		Darlington
Peabody, C W	[L]	Bennettsville
Perry, E	[L]	Gillisonville
Perryclear, J S		Graham's T O
Peterson, J F		Richardson
Phillips, C M		Green River
Pickett, G W		Chester
Pope, T H		Martin's Depot
Porter, C M		Ridgeway
Powe, S		Marietta
Prickett, J D	[L]	St Matthews'
Price, J T		Timmonsville
Price, B		Walterboro
Reynolds, J L, D D		Columbia

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
Rice, A	Storeville
Rice, W D	Society Hill
Richardson, S M	Sumter
Richter, S	Walterboro
Robertson, T	Monroe
Robertson, J	Brewerton
Rogers, J E	Camden
Rollings, G	Timmonsville
Rollings, J L	Murray's Ferry
Roper, C	12 Mile
Roper, T L	North Saluda
Ross, J	Columbia
Russell, J C	Rich Hill
Sams, M W	Blackville
Sanders, F J	Barnwell
Sanders, R W [L]	Barnwell
Sawyer, S B	Williston
Segler, J A	Kitchen's Mill
Seymour, R W, Jr	Phenix
Sharp, M J	Columbia
Shaw, W H	Edgefield
Shuck, L H	Barnwell
Shuman, H	Gillisonville
Simmons, D	Townville
Singleton, W B	Fowler's Creek
Smith, T W	Union
Smith, W [L]	Chester
Snider, W J	St Matthews'
Spigener, D F	St Matthews'
Spruell, S	Columbia
Stepp, A C	Line Creek
Stiles, C A	Sumter
Stough, A D	Webb's Store, N C
Stough, A L	Pineville, N C
Suares, M R	Barnwell
Sullivan, J H	Walhalla
Sullivan, N	Walhalla
Sweat, J T	Robertville
Thomas, J A W	Bennettsville
Thomas, W D	Greenville
Timmons, J M	Timmonsville
Trapp, J	Kirksey's X Roads
Trowell,	Gillisonville
Turner, R	Spartanburg
Vandiver, H	Silver Glade
Vann, R R	Ridgeway
Vaughn, K	Calhoun
Vaugh, L	Pleasant Grove
Walker, G	Walker's
Wallace, W L	Manning
Walters, W E	Anderson
Waters, W G	
Weaver, J M	Friendfield
West, J	Whitstown
West, J L	Chestnut Ridge
Whilden, B W	Doko
Whilden, R F	Whilden Hall
Wilkins, A C [L]	Effingham
Wilkins, S B	Leavenworth
Willbanks, S	Silver Glade
Williams, J G	Saltketchie
Williams, W, D D	Greenville
Williford, W	Stone's
Wilson, J	Piercetown
Wilson, J J	Silver Glade
Winkler, E T, D D	Charleston
Woodruff, R	Woodruff's
Woodward, J A	Williston
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Woodward,	Little Pee Dee
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